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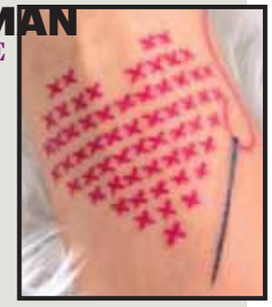

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Activists painted "Black Lives Matter" on the legal graffiti wall at Slater and Bronson, but it didn't stay up for long

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Cost of Canada Day party up 11%

metro EXCLUSIVE

Over $4M spent on Parliament Hill festivities: Documents

Michael Woods
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This year's Canada Day festivities in the National Capital Region are projected to have cost the federal government more than $4 million, newly released documents show.

The total cost of the recent Canada Day celebrations was estimated to be $4.17 million. That's up 11 per cent from the $3.75 million budgeted for last year's events.

Those figures are contained in an April 2015 briefing note to Heritage Minister Shelly Glover, which Metro obtained under the Access to Information Act.

That estimated amount includes the cost of the noon and evening shows on Parliament Hill, as well as programming at Major's Hill Park and Jacques Cartier Park.

A spokesman for Canadian Heritage said costs for Canada Day fluctuate from year to year, and the government won't know the final tally until later this summer.

The budget for programming and logistics at the three official sites was estimated to be $2.96 million this year, up from $2.75 million in 2014.

That increase is "primarily due to the design and construction of a new set and decor on Parliament Hill, which is part of scheduled lifecycle maintenance," spokesman Simon Rivet said in an email.

The general productions and logistics budget went up, which the department said was a result of yearly increases in long-term contracts and procurement renewal.

By contrast, the $60,000 marketing budget for this year's events was slightly less than in 2014. And hospitality costs remained virtually the same: about $81,000 this year, $43,000 of which came from sponsorship revenues, not taxpayers.

The theme of this year's Canada Day festivities was "Strong. Proud. Free."

The noon show is often used to highlight the anniversaries of particular Canadian milestones.

Among the focuses of this year's show were the discovery of one of the lost ships of the Franklin expedition. The noon show featured a video about the find.

The festivities also highlighted the bicentennial of Sir John A. Macdonald's birth, the Year of Sport, and the 50th anniversary of the Canadian flag.

The National Capital Commission used to oversee the Canada Day festivities in the capital, but the Conservative government shifted responsibility for the event to Canadian Heritage in 2013.

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Man facing murder rap in stabbing of woman

CRIME

Year's fifth homicide played out on quiet street

Joe Lofaro
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A 45-year-old man accused of stabbing his lover to death in the middle of a quiet residential street briefly appeared in court Wednesday to face a first-degree murder charge.

Police arrested Gino Langevin Tuesday afternoon outside 209 Anna Ave. in Carlington, where he shared a home with Gail Fawcett.

The street in front of the couple's home was stained with blood once police arrived to arrest Langevin.

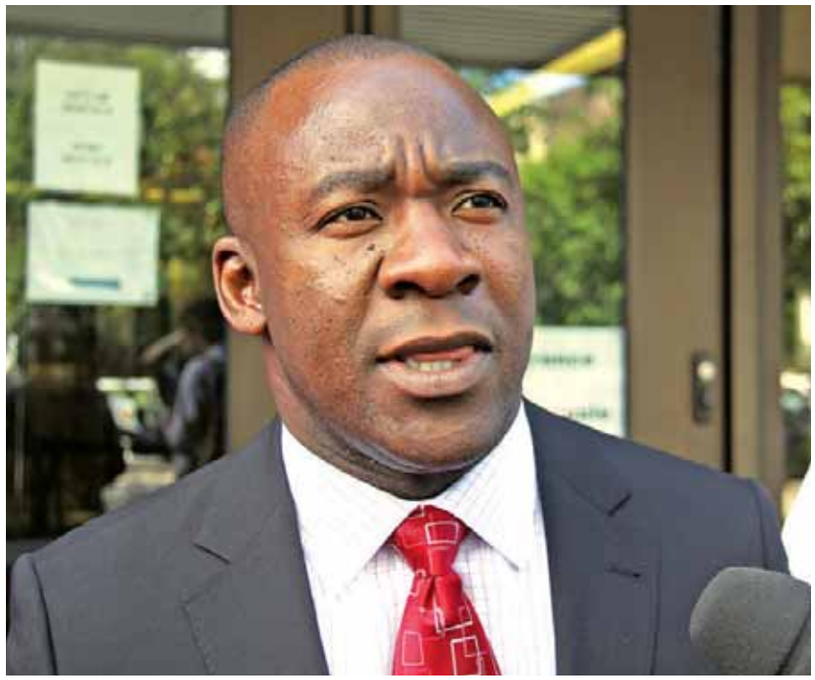
It is alleged Langevin stabbed Fawcett, who was in her 50s, with a knife following what started out as a medical call to paramedics.

Langevin entered the courtroom Wednesday with unkempt salt and pepper hair, wearing a black jacket. He said only "Gino" to the justice of peace before the Crown and defence set a date for his next appearance, which will be Aug. 10.

Outside of the courthouse, his lawyer Michael Smith said it was his understanding that Langevin and Fawcett had been in a relationship "for some time."

When asked about a report that Ottawa paramedics attended their home the night before the stabbing, Smith said, "I received some indication that there was a call by the paramedics and they did attend. But for the specific reason I don't have those details."

He said it would be "premature" to say whether or not he will ask for a psychiatric evaluation.



Defence lawyer Michael Smith speaks to reporters at the courthouse on Wednesday about his client, Gino Langevin, who is facing a first-degree murder charge in the death of his partner, Gail Fawcett. JOE LOFARO/METRO

On Facebook, Sheila Fawcett-Yendall identified the stabbing victim as her sister.

"This was my sister Gail Fawcett ... I'm so lost for words..feeling so numb..." she wrote in a post on Tuesday evening, linking to an article about the stabbing.

> **I'm so lost for words ... feeling so numb.**
> Victim's sister on Facebook

Other people expressed their condolences on Fawcett-Yendall's Facebook page.

Fawcett had two adult sons, according to her sister.

Neighbour Lorraine Cannon, who heard the woman's screams for help, said she saw a paramedic kick a knife away from a naked man who was covered in blood.

"We could hear this bloodcurdling scream out of a woman: Help me! God help me!" a visibly shaken Cannon told reporters on Tuesday.

"He wasn't fazed at all," she said, describing his arms covered in blood.

Cannon said the paramedic knew the man by name when he was shouting at him to sit down.

A pool of blood, an article of clothing, and a pair of glasses could be seen on the street in front of the couple's home.

Police arrested Langevin on scene without incident.

The Major Crime Unit is leading the investigation into Fawcett's death, which is the city's fifth homicide of the year.

LABOUR

Public service union readying for possible strike

Michael Woods
Metro | Ottawa

Canada's third-largest public service union appears to be readying itself for a possible strike, but its president says it's unlikely one will happen anytime soon.

The Canadian Association of Professional Employees sent a newsletter to its members this week explaining what a strike vote would entail.

"Voting yes to a strike mandate essentially means giving your union the ability to put escalating pressure on the government to reach a fair collective agreement," the newsletter says.

That comes on the heels of the union's establishment last week of a $1-million strike and defence fund, which president Emmanuelle Tremblay said demonstrates members are ready for a fight if collective bargaining talks with Treasury Board reach an impasse.

"What we're trying to signal with the establishment of this fund is to say we're ready. If the gloves have to come off, we won't be passive," Tremblay said in an interview.

She said the move is partly a response to the government's 2013 budget bill that the unions say stripped them of their capacity to engage in arbitration.

The fund could also be used to help cover the union's legal challenge against Bill C-59, the government's latest omnibus budget bill that passed in June.

"The deck has been stacked. This government has been attacking us from all sides for the past six seven years non-stop. They've just pushed a bit too far," she said.

In a newsletter to its members this week, the union singled out the Professional Association of Foreign Service Officers' 2012-13 strike as an illustration of how union members can escalate pressure.

That strike began when the union was in a legal strike position in April 2012. A contract was signed in December 2013, but job actions varied and members only walked off the job en masse for a half day.

However, Tremblay said the union isn't looking for a fight. They're merely readying for one if it comes their way.

"It's very unlikely that we will go on strike before the federal election," she said.

LRT FUNDING

Feds pledge $1 billion

With an election on the horizon, the federal Conservatives have promised $1 billion in funding for Phase 2 of Ottawa's light rail transit project.

Ottawa-Orleans MP Royal Galipeau confirmed Wednesday the long-awaited money from the Conservative government that have been earmarked to fund Phase 2 of the $3 billion project, which will extend the LRT farther east, west and south for a combined 30 kilometres of rail and 19 stations.

Galipeau said concerns over balancing the budget stalled his government from announcing the commitment sooner.

"The ink wasn't dry on the cheque for Phase 1 and they wanted another billion dollars," Galipeau said.

"My response at the time was we prefer to deal with cities that do planning. And it's obvious the City of Ottawa knows how to do its planning. But, just because they have it on their wish list doesn't really mean that they're going to get it. We have our own priorities and our priorities are basically to balance the books. I didn't know back then out thin air if I could get a billion dollars."

$3B

Price tag for Ottawa's light rail transit project.

A statement from Mayor Jim Watson's office said it was a "historic" commitment — one that Galipeau defended as having nothing to do with the upcoming election.

"I didn't want the announcement during an election. This is not an election promise. It's a government decision," he said.

The mayor is now relying on a formal commitment from Premier Kathleen Wynne, who has previously indicated that she plans to support the project.

The Confederation Line, the 12.5-kilometre first phase of LRT from Blair to Tunney's Pasture, will be completed in 2018. Then, shovels will hit the ground for the second phase.

The federal government also pitched in $761 million for the first phase of the LRT.

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‘Fully dimensional’ show

BACKSTAGE PASS

Kid Koala bringing adaptation of graphic novel to Chamberfest

Trevor Greenway
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Kid Koala, a.k.a. Eric San, brings his epic and ambitious Nufonia Must Fall Live to the Ottawa Chamberfest July 31. CONTRIBUTED

Kid Koala’s childhood dream was to one day work on the Muppet Show.

The turntablist and producer also known as Eric San may never have been hired by Jim Henson, but he is finally living that dream, after 40 tireless years of manipulating vinyl behind a spinning turntable.

Kid Koala brings his epic and ambitious Nufonia Must Fall Live to the Ottawa Chamberfest July 31 — and with it comes one hell of a love story between robot and human and the queries around our strange evolution in this ever-changing digital world. It’s a puppet show on wheels.

The show is a live adaptation of San’s graphic novel Nufonia Must Fall — with a live twist from Oscar-nominated visionary K.K. Barrett, creative designer for the dazzling films Her, Where the Wild Things Are and the stunning Lost in Translation.

It’s also an adaptation of San’s ultimate dream as a boy growing up in Vancouver — thoughts he cooked up in his young brain while scratching Star Wars storybook samples on his plastic Fisher Price record player.

“I was super into Charlie Chaplin films, I was super into The Muppet Show when I was about four years old,” says San, from Montreal, the place he calls home now. “They had created this universe and then they established these rules, but within that universe, it seemed like anything was possible. So, that was the dream, one day I wanted to do that.”

If you’ve seen any promo videos for Nufonia Live, you’ll know that the usually koala suit-clad scratch DJ is bending the hell out of the envelope — and even himself, as he seamlessly animates a live graphic novel in real time, while projecting the show to audiences on the big screen above. Accompanied by a first-class lighting crew, top-notch puppeteers and cameramen, actors, directors and the graceful Afiara String Quartet, San has scores of players to synch his music up with. Sitting inside a doughnut of musical gear from synthesizers, pianos, turntables, samplers and other electro gadgets, San has perfectly-timed cues that, if missed, could crumble an entire scene in an instant. He calls the show the most “dangerous” performance he’s ever signed up for.

“It’s so captivating, some of the scenes where, if you mess up, you can throw off the equilibrium of the whole scene and it misses the beat,” says San, crediting Barrett’s compelling vision for the complexities each scene carries.

“A lot of it is being completely synchronized with the actors and the lighting people and just making sure that we all crescendo at the same time. It’s challenging.”

Those familiar with Kid Koala’s style know he’s more than just a DJ. The turntablist, multi-instrumentalist and producer has always seen DJing as “storytelling,” from his days rummaging through his parent’s old record collection and stumbling upon mind-blowing rock and jazz records.

Nufonia Live is an extension of that youthful spark, an ignition, a portal to his youthful dreams at a time when he has the skill and knowledge to make them all come true.

“To me, the world of records always had a story,” says San. “There was music, there was sound effects, there was narrative, there was all kinds of things going on. It was fully dimensional entertainment.”

Kid Koala’s latest dream is just that: A love story that will make you snicker and snort, bawl and blubber — all against a stunningly surreal backdrop of a simple and terrifying modern industrial world.

Fasten your seat belt and bring a box of tissues.

THE DEETS

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POLITICS

Dunlop bows out for new PC leader

Veteran Progressive Conservative Garfield Dunlop is quitting as the MPP for Simcoe North so new party leader Patrick Brown can run for a seat in the Ontario legislature.

Dunlop, who was first elected in 1999 to represent the longtime Conservative stronghold north of Barrie, announced Wednesday he would step down on Aug. 1.

Dunlop was one of the most vocal opponents to Brown in the PC caucus during the party's leadership race, openly asking: "Who does this guy think he is, coming down from Ottawa to take over our caucus?"

But Dunlop admitted in his resignation speech that he'd changed his thinking.

"I said some things that were completely wrong and I was wrong to say them," he said. "I have watched Patrick Brown grow in the last nine or 10 months."

Brown shrugged off Dunlop's earlier criticism.

"I learned over the years that there's no script for Garfield," Brown said to laughs from the many Dunlop supporters gathered in the community of Coldwater. "He's sincere, he's authentic and he's a gentleman."

Brown resigned his seat in the House of Commons as MP in the neighbouring riding of Barrie after he won the PC leadership in June, and said he was "humbled and excited" that Dunlop offered to quit so he could seek a provincial seat. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Solar sensation rolls in

VANIER

Mobile design hub features green energy, rooftop garden

Lucy Scholey
Metro | Ottawa

A new transport-truck-sized, solar-powered design hub has rolled in to Vanier.

CloudLab is the temporary mobile office of prototypeD, the architecture firm designing the new $30-million innovation centre at the old Bayview Yards. It has parked on a vacant patch of grass on Montreal Road, where a planned seven-storey development has been on the back burner for almost two years.

From the trailer, prototypeD's designers will host workshops on 3D printing, laser-cutting, 3D design, film and photography — all completely solar-powered. They will also offer ears for anyone who has an idea worth developing.

"Basically, it becomes a platform for us to get together with community people and launch some really innovative projects," said Janak Alford, founder and CEO of prototypeD.

CloudLab boasts a rooftop veggie garden and solar panels that will eventually generate enough power to run an average Canadian home. Inside, there's enough room for three desks, whiteboards, a couch and storage units.

Films will also be projected on the white side of the truck for movie nights on the grass.

Alford said he parked in Vanier first because there's a lot of creative energy in the community.

"You get such a mix of people, and they're all coming out and saying the same thing: 'Vanier is changing,'" he said. "It's evolving. Nobody is quite sure exactly how yet. But when you get so much critical energy in one spot, it's just waiting to take direction."

Jamie Kwong, executive director of the Quarter Vanier BIA, said the idea sounded abstract at first. But now she sees it as a way to pump up new business ventures, especially because there's a push to redesign the traffic-heavy Montreal Road in 2018.

"This is the ideal type of business that we want to attract to our community: Innovative, young designers, creative folks, people who take really a lot of pride in their business," she said.

PrototypeD will roll out of Vanier at the end of October and move to another yet-to-be-decided neighbourhood.

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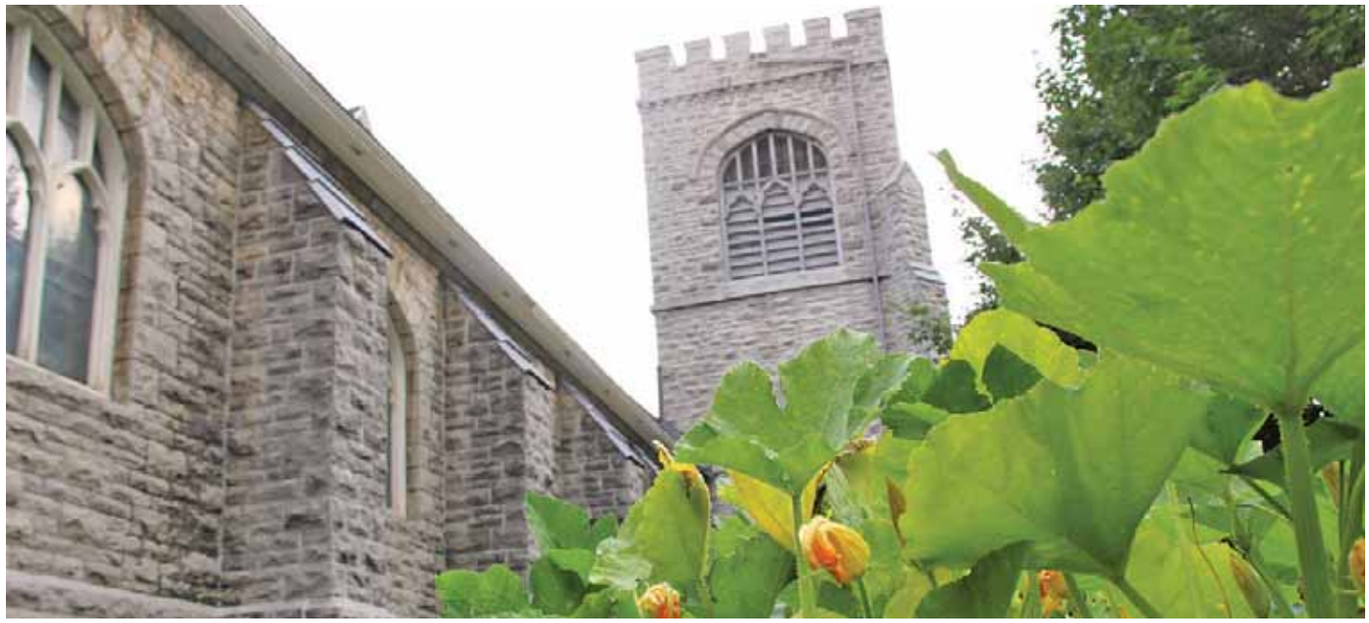

ALL SAINTS SALE GARDENERS MAY HAVE TO MAKE LIKE A TREE Vegetables and flowers grow in the community garden at All Saints church in Sandy Hill. The church is currently up for sale, leaving residents (and gardeners) wondering what will happen to the building. HALEY RITCHIE/METRO

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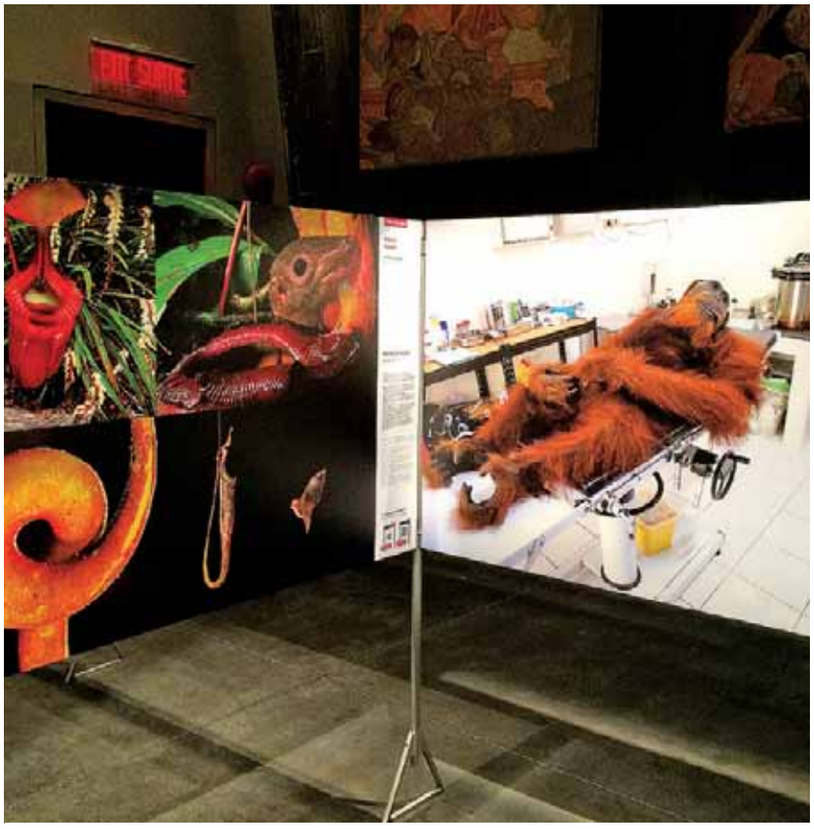

The world's top press photos are on display at the Canadian War Museum starting on Thursday. MICHAEL WOODS/METRO

World's best press photos on display

EXHIBITION

Ottawa is first stop in Canada on 100-city world tour

Michael Woods
Metro | Ottawa

Refugees in an overcrowded boat near the Libyan coast look to the sky, about to be rescued. An outstretched, airborne football player makes an incredible one-handed catch. A gay couple in Russia shares a tender moment in a small apartment.

They are all subjects of some of the world's top press photos of 2014. The award-winning photos are heart-wrenching, awe-inspiring, gasp-inducing and ultimately beautiful. Starting Thursday, they're on display at the Canadian War Museum.

"The exhibition will provoke you, it will challenge you with different emotions, it will certainly shock you," said World Press Photo Foundation spokeswoman Noortje Gorter. "But I hope it will also make you smile."

The Amsterdam-based foundation tours the exhibition to more than 100 cities worldwide. Ottawa is the first Canadian stop.

An international jury chose 145 winning photos from more than 97,000 submitted images by nearly 5,700 photographers in 131 countries.

The selections were made over a two-week period in Amsterdam.

"We put them in a really dark room and turn off the heater so they will be really awake and we show them the 100,000 images," Gorter said. "Each image is selected in less than three seconds.

"The jurors are really used to working with a large amount of images, and they know instantly what's a good image and what's not a good image."

The photos are divided into eight categories: contemporary issues, daily life, general news, long-term projects, nature, portraits, sports and spot news.

The jurors chose an overall winner. Taken by Danish photographer Mads Nissen, the photo depicts Jon and Alex sharing an intimate moment, in Alex's small apartment in St. Petersburg, Russia.

The photo was part of a project, "Homophobia in Russia," which Nissen shot for Politiken, a Danish newspaper.

Visitors to the exhibition can tap their smartphones against the descriptive panels next to the photos to access more information about the images and the photographers — no special app is needed.

The exhibition is on display at the Barney Danson Theatre until Sunday, Aug. 19.

It will then head on to Montreal, Toronto and Chicoutimi, Que.

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Probe leads to attempted murder charge

GUNS AND GANGS UNIT

Police were investigating an unrelated violent assault

Joe Lofaro
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Ottawa police say intelligence gathered from Monday's road rage incident on Walkley Road has led to a man being charged with attempted murder in an unrelated violent assault last week.

Staff Sgt. Ken Bryden of the Guns and Gangs Unit said police arrested a man at the scene of a collision at the intersection of Walkley Road and St. Laurent Boulevard at around 10:30 p.m. Monday.

Police allege one of the occupants of the two cars involved pointed a gun following the collision.

Each car had two occupants, but no injuries were reported.

Police said Wednesday they charged Dewen Sabir, 20, with several firearm-related offences, including assault with a weapon, possessing a loaded firearm, and carelessly using a firearm.

Sabir appeared in court Tuesday for a show-cause hearing.

As a result of the investigation, police say they were able to solve an unrelated incident on July 18 in which a man was seriously assaulted by a group of suspects at the South Keys Shopping Centre on Bank Street.

Police arrested the accused in that case on Tuesday.

Bryden said the victim suffered serious injuries to his head and torso and is still recovering outside of hospital.

Khalif Shahareen, 20, was charged with 14 offences, including attempted murder, pointing a firearm, theft under $5,000, and two counts of failure to comply with a young offender act disposition.

"They are known to associate with each other and ... they are known to the Guns and Gangs section," said Bryden.

SUSPECTS

Dewen Sabir and Khalif Shahareen both have a history with police, but are not known to be members of a gang, said Staff Sgt. Ken Bryden.

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Two graffiti artists arrived at the wall around noon on Wednesday and began painting over the message. HALEY RITCHIE/METRO

BLACK LIVES MATTER

Activists clash with graffitists over wall

Despite its location on a legal graffiti wall, a Tuesday night painting of the words "Black Lives Matter" didn't last long on the Tech Wall at Bronson Avenue and Slater Street.

"We were letting people know we're here," said Adae Baj, a member of the activist group BlakCollectiv who spent Tuesday night helping to paint the wall white with block letters.

She said racism in Ottawa may be less overt than in the U.S., where Black Lives Matter started, but it still exists.

The collective chose the wall because it was a large and central public space.

But some regulars at the Tech Wall were unimpressed with the work, arriving early Wednesday with white paint and rollers.

Artist Mike Gall admitted it seems hypocritical for graffiti artists to be crying vandalism, but said regulars were frustrated to find their work was painted over.

"I'm all for people protesting, but think of what you're doing first," he said.

Gall said the graffiti expression "burn or take your turn" refers to the idea that you don't paint over the work of more skilled artists.

"It's our community that's been painting here for so long, and we take offence to stuff like this, no matter what the cause," he said.

Baj said that attitude is ironic, saying that graffiti art stems from black culture.

"If you think your piece of art is more important than black people dying, then you're approaching this in the wrong way."

HALEY RITCHIE/METRO

IN BRIEF

Police looking for man who sexually assaulted woman in her apartment

Ottawa police are looking for a man who kept a woman confined in her apartment as he sexually assaulted her.

Police say the man entered the woman's unlocked apartment in the Bronson Avenue and Gladstone Avenue area at around 11 p.m. on Monday. He then sexually assaulted the woman, confining her for what police say was a "long period," before fleeing.

Police described the man as being in his late 40s with a large build, and possibly being of Filipino descent. He has a tattoo under one eye and another on his forearm. He has short curly dark hair with a rat tail at the back, a moustache and small beard on his chin and a noticeable scar on his nose.

Police say the man may have been seen in the area in the past few weeks. METRO

Bank of Canada Governor Stephen Poloz holds a news conference in Ottawa on July 15. The Bank of Canada's latest economic forecast puts the federal government on track to run a $1-billion deficit in 2015-16. ADRIAN WYLD/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Feds on track to run deficit

BANK OF CANADA

Projections cast doubt on promise to balance books

The Bank of Canada's latest economic forecast puts the federal government on track to run a $1-billion deficit in 2015-16, casting doubt on the governing Conservatives' promise to balance the election-year books, says a new analysis by the parliamentary budget office.

The results of the calculations, based on the downgraded projection released last week by the central bank, also trim the government's expected surpluses over the next two years.

The bleaker fiscal outlook, released Wednesday, surfaces as political parties are pitching economic policies to voters ahead of the October election.

In its April budget, the Harper government predicted a string of surpluses, starting with $1.4 billion for this election year. The government forecast surpluses of $1.7 billion in 2016-17 and $2.6 billion in 2017-18.

But the budget office projects the government producing a $1-billion shortfall in 2015-16 followed by smaller surpluses of $600 million and $2.2 billion over the next two years.

Their calculations used fresh projections by the Bank of Canada, which last week lowered its outlook for economic growth in 2015 to 1.1 per cent, down from 1.9 per cent earlier this year.

Canada's economy has been struggling, leading some to state it has slipped into recession. It contracted in the first quarter of the year at an annualized rate of 0.6 per cent — in large part due to the steep drop in oil prices and the failure of other sectors to pick up the slack.

> **Their economic record is in tatters. They've failed to be fiscally responsible.**
> Liberal MP Scott Brison

The budget office factored in positive offsets that have appeared since the release of the spring budget: lower interest rates and higher gross domestic product inflation. Their projections also use up the government's $1-billion annual reserve set aside for contingencies.

The analysis was produced by the independent office following requests by NDP MP Nathan Cullen and Liberal MP Scott Brison. Both their parties were quick to jump on the results.

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LGBTQ

N.S. recruiting foster parents

Nova Scotia is reaching out to the LGBTQ community through a social media campaign to encourage them to become foster parents.

The campaign will run during this month's Pride celebrations and end on July 26.

"Our hope is to encourage responsible adults in non-traditional families to consider becoming a foster parent," Community Services minister Joanne Bernard said in a statement.

"We hope that same-sex couples and others will be encouraged by this campaign to find out more."

The Community Services department says Nova Scotia has about 800 children living with foster families, and like other parts of North America, have experienced a decline in the number of foster families in the past five years.

They are also specifically focusing efforts on members of the African Nova Scotian and Mi'kmaq communities, which they've done in the past.

> **We hope that same-sex couples ... will be encouraged by this campaign.**
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ALBERTA

Nexen Energy oil spill prompts alarm

Nexen Energy said Wednesday it can narrow down when a pipeline ruptured in northern Alberta to a two-week period, something that one environmental group said is cause for alarm.

Ron Bailey, the company's senior vice-president of Canadian operations, said officials still don't know precisely when the pipeline began leaking after a 5 million-litre spill was discovered last Wednesday in Anzac, about 35 kilometres southeast of Fort McMurray.

But Bailey said the company believes the leak began some time between June 29, when crews finished a cleaning, and July 15, when a contractor discovered it near Nexen Energy's Long Lake oilsands facility.

Mike Hudema of Greenpeace Canada's climate and energy team said it is stunning that the spill may have gone undetected for as long as that.

"It's shocking to learn that the pipeline may have been spilling for two weeks before it was discovered — and even then, only by accident," said Hudema in a statement.

"Warning bells should be going off for Canada's premiers right now about the dangers they are bringing to their communities if new pipelines are built because that's what they're calling for with the Canadian Energy Strategy."

Bailey said he doesn't know how long the cleanup will take. About 130 workers are on site, working to contain and vacuum the spill. THE CANADIAN PRESS

BACKGROUND

The pipeline was installed last year and a warning system didn't detect the leak. The company is investigating.

A hiker makes his way past a fire hazard sign on the Baden Powell trail in north Vancouver earlier this week. Extreme heat and the lack of rain has put most of British Columbia in danger of forest fires. JONATHAN HAYWARD/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Wildfires may be 'new normal'

BRITISH COLUMBIA

Premier Clark blames climate change for altering terrain

Relentless forest fires burning across British Columbia may be the new normal, Premier Christy Clark warned as she stood not far from a raging fire that threatened homes in her own riding.

Clark spoke near the Westside Road fire outside West Kelowna on Wednesday, where flames have forced emergency officials to issue evacuation orders to the residents of 70 homes.

It's one of 10 evacuation alerts or orders across the province, where more than 250 blazes are burning, 43 of which broke out on Tuesday following a series of lightning storms.

The premier said she is concerned that climate change has altered the terrain, drying out the land and making it more vulnerable to fire, and as a result what B.C. is seeing isn't unusual and will happen more often.

As of Wednesday, the province has spent more than $140 million battling the 1,300 wildfires that have broken out this season, and Clark said the province could spend another $300 to $400 million this year if the pace continues.

She doesn't think the fires will put the province into a deficit, because the government ran a surplus of $1.7 billion last year and is expected to run a surplus again this coming fiscal year, Clark said.

"I am mostly concerned ... that the forest fire season won't give us a break and that we're going to see more homes threatened, more people's livelihood threatened, more forest resources lost." THE CANADIAN PRESS

IN BRIEF

CP Rail to appeal rulings tied to Lac-Megantic settlement

Canadian Pacific Railway Ltd. is continuing its legal fight against a recent court decision that awards more than $430 million to victims and creditors of the Lac-Megantic train derailment.

CP has filed for permission to appeal one of three decisions rendered by Quebec Superior Court Justice Gaetan Dumas regarding the settlement fund.

Dumas approved the $430-million package earlier this month and rejected three CP motions seeking to gain access to privileged documents, to have the fund cancelled and to have the proceedings moved to Federal Court. THE CANADIAN PRESS

GLOBAL HEALTH

MERS quelled: Korea

MERS-CoV (Middle East respiratory syndrome coronavirus) has claimed the lives of 36 people worldwide while the South Korean government has told foreign diplomats the outbreak in the nation is effectively over.

The World Health Organization (WHO) reported the figure of 36 dead Wednesday, along with 186 people in the Republic of Korea and one person in China as having contracted the disease.

The South Korean government said no new MERS cases have been reported in more than two weeks and that it is now safe for travel.

The outbreak led thousands of tourists to cancel visits to South Korea, and Korean Air Lines Co Ltd. as well as Asiana Airlines Inc. whittled down their flight schedules.

The companies said Tuesday they will resume normal operations early next month.

MERS-CoV is a strain of coronavirus that causes a viral respiratory illness called MERS. The disease was first reported in Saudi Arabia in September 2012, WHO said.

The outbreak in South Korea has been the largest outside Saudi Arabia, the organization added.

MERS, along with a drought in South Korea, is expected to slow the country's economic growth in the second quarter, AFP reported Finance Minister Choi Kyung-Hwan as having said earlier this week.

METRO CANADA

IN BRIEF

Russian court grants amnesty to squirrel shooter

A teenager convicted of animal cruelty for killing a squirrel in a city park in St. Petersburg has been spared any prison time because of a widespread amnesty in honour of the Allied victory in the Second World War.

Yelisei Vladimirov, who claimed self-defence, was sentenced Wednesday to one year in prison but was granted amnesty on the spot, prosecutors said.

He thus became one of about 150,000 people who have been released from prison or granted amnesty in honour of the 70th anniversary of the Allied victory in Europe. The amnesty announced in May covers first-time offenders as well as those convicted of petty crimes. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Officials defend video of black motorist's arrest

UNITED STATES

Driver later found dead in jail cell from alleged suicide

Authorities in the U.S. say a patrol car video showing the arrest of black motorist, who was later found dead in a jail cell, was not edited or manipulated.

The death of 28-year-old Sandra Bland, three days after she was arrested by a white law enforcement officer during a heated confrontation over a minor traffic infraction, is the latest case to cast national attention on the interactions between police and minorities in the United States.

Officials say Bland hanged herself with a plastic garbage bag in her jail cell, a contention her family and supporters dispute. The video doesn't reveal what happened while she was in custody, but it depicts an emotional exchange in which the officer tried to drag Bland from her car, drew his stun gun and threatened her. The case has resonated on social media, with posts questioning the official account of the events.

The video posted by the Texas Department of Public Safety Tuesday shows the trooper stopping Bland for failure to signal a lane change. The conversation turns hostile when the officer asks Bland to put out her cigarette and she asks why she can't smoke in her own car. The trooper then orders Bland to get out of the vehicle. When she refuses, the officer pulls what appears to be a weapon and says, "I will light you up."

Out of the camera's view, Bland continues protesting her arrest, repeatedly using expletives and calling the officer a "pussy." At one point, she screams that he's about to break her wrists and complains that he knocked her head into the ground.

The video has drawn criticism for gaps and overlaps, but the Texas Department of Public Safety insisted Wednesday that it had not been doctored.

> **"I will light you up."**
> Brian Encinia, state trooper

DPS spokesman Tom Vinger said that glitches in the recording occurred when it was uploaded for public viewing.

In an affidavit released Tuesday, the trooper, Brian Encinia, said he used force "to subdue Bland to the ground," and she continued to fight back. He also said Bland swung her elbows at him and kicked him in his right shin. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

DeWayne Charleston speaks at a Waller County Commissioners Court meeting about the jail cell death of Sandra Bland in Hempstead, Texas, on Wednesday. PAT SULLIVAN/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

CHARLESTON SHOOTING

Hate crime charges for church shooter

The man accused of slaying of nine black church members in Charleston last month was indicted Wednesday on 33 federal counts, including hate crimes, firearms violations and obstructing the practice of religion, which could include the death penalty.

Attorney General Loretta Lynch announced the federal grand jury indictments of 21-year-old Dylann Roof. The charges have been expected since Roof was arrested following the June 17 shootings at Emanuel African Methodist Episcopal Church in downtown Charleston.

Roof, who is white, appeared in photos waving rebel Confederate flags, and survivors told police that he hurled racial insults during the attack. The shootings prompted an abrupt shift in political willingness to take down the rebel flag from the South Carolina Statehouse grounds and renewed a movement to remove it from the public sphere around the South. The flag, flown by armies of the secessionist pro-slavery Confederacy during the Civil War, is claimed by some white southerners as a symbol of regional and ancestral pride but has also been used by white supremacists.

Prosecutors haven't said whether they'll seek the death penalty against Roof.

Federal officials had previously said that the shootings generally meet the legal requirements for a hate crime and that federal charges were likely.

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At least 26 dead in Baghdad attacks

ISIL

Scores wounded as car bombs hit Shiite markets

A pair of car bombs exploded Wednesday at crowded markets in predominantly Shiite Baghdad neighbourhoods, killing at least 26 people and wounding 58, authorities said.

The first explosion took place in the impoverished neighbourhood of al-Bayaa in the southwestern sector of the Iraqi capital, a police official said. The blast killed at least 18 people and wounded 36, the official said.

Later in the day, a second car bomb detonated in the northeastern neighbourhood of al-Shaab, killing at least eight and wounding 22, police said.

Hospital officials corroborated the casualty figures. All officials spoke on condition of anonymity as they were not authorized to brief journalists.

No one immediately claimed responsibility for the attacks. The Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant (ISIL) frequently targets Shiite areas across the country, as well as military checkpoints and government installations. The radical Sunni group seeks to destabilize the Shiite-led government in Baghdad. ISIL holds roughly a third of Iraq and neighbouring Syria in its self-declared "caliphate."

Last Friday, the militant group attacked a popular market in Iraq's eastern Diyala province, killing 115 people — the majority of them Shiite — and wounding more than 170 in what was one of the largest single attacks in Iraq over the past decade.

Bombings occur almost daily in Baghdad, but violence has been relatively subdued in the capital since the height of sectarian violence in 2006 and 2007, when hundreds of people were killed across Iraq almost daily.

Large-scale military operations are currently underway in Iraq's western Anbar province and in Salahuddin province, north of Baghdad, as the Iraqi military and the government-sanctioned Popular Mobilization Forces attempt to reclaim territory in the country's Sunni heartland.

> **The human cost of the conflict remains far too high.**
> UN envoy Jan Kubis

A U.S.-led coalition includes Canadian warplanes and support personnel.

In New York, meanwhile, Jan Kubis told the UN Security Council on Wednesday that the United Nations is "very worried" at reports that desperate Iraqis are turning to the Islamic State for help.

The UN envoy for Iraq said a lack of funds for desperately needed humanitarian aid has already cut food rations Iraqis need to survive.

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NORWAY GRIM ANNIVERSARY NATO Secretary General Jens Stoltenberg places a rose in memory of 69 people killed in 2011 in shootings at a youth camp. FREDRIK VARFJELL/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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VATICAN SUMMIT

World mayors agree on anti-poverty goal

Mayors emboldened by an appeal from Pope Francis committed themselves Wednesday to a new set of UN goals to end poverty and promote sustainable development over the next 15 years.

Several dozen mayors from around the world, at the end of a two-day summit at the Vatican, unanimously adopted a declaration pledging to endorse the goals and work to implement them in their home cities.

World leaders are set to adopt the 17 "sustainable development goals" at a UN summit in September that will be opened by Francis. Among other things, the goals commit leaders to end extreme poverty and hunger by 2030, ensure health care, education, access to water, sustainable energy and growth for all — and take urgent action to combat climate change and protect the Earth.

The Vatican invited some 60 mayors (including Vancouver's Gregor Robertson) to commit to fighting climate change. Cities seem to be the key to tackling global warming: They account for two-thirds of the world's greenhouse-gas emissions, are the drivers of the world economy and are expected to grow enormously over the coming decades as the poor flock to urban centres in search of work.

At the opening of the summit Tuesday, the Pope told the leaders that their commitments were paramount to sensitizing the "conscience of humanity" about the link between caring for the planet and its most vulnerable people.

The aim of the two-day meeting was to put pressure on national leaders to make solid commitments at the September UN development summit as well as climate negotiations in Paris later this year.

Experts say the Paris talks are critical to negotiating targets that will keep global temperatures from rising more than two degrees Celsius compared to pre-industrial times.

Conservative Catholics have criticized the Vatican for cosying up to the UN on the sustainable development agenda, since some of the goals include ensuring reproductive health care for girls, which means access to contraception and abortion.

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IN BRIEF

Bison launches woman trying to take selfie

Yellowstone National Park officials are warning tourists to keep their distance from bison after one flipped a woman into the air as she posed for a selfie with the massive beast. Park officials say the 43-year-old Mississippi woman turned her back on the animal Tuesday to get a photo with it on a trail near Old Faithful. She and her daughter were about 5-1/2 metres away when the bison came at them and tossed the woman with its head. She was treated at a nearby clinic and released.

Russians launch trio to space station

A Soyuz space capsule blasted off from the Russian launch facility in Kazakhstan at 3:02 a.m. Thursday, carrying a Russian, an American and a Japanese to the International Space Station. The capsule carried Oleg Kononenko of Russia, NASA's Kjell Lindgren and Kimiya Yui of Japan. They will join Gennady Padalka, Mikhail Kornienko and Scott Kelly at the station.

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CURRENCIES

Loonie falls to 2004 low

The Canadian dollar dropped to levels Wednesday not seen in more than a decade as the price of oil and gold both came under pressure.

The loonie was down 0.53 of a cent to 76.70 cents US. That's the lowest level since Sept. 1, 2004.

The dollar has been on a downward slide since last summer, when the price of oil started to weaken.

Oil prices dropped below the $50 US mark in trading Wednesday, settling at $49.19 US, while gold lost $12 US to fall to $1,091.50 US an ounce.

Compounding the loonie weakness was a decision by the Bank of Canada to cut its key interest rate last week. The central bank's overnight rate target stands at 0.5 per cent.

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Greece gets more cash

ECONOMY

Extra liquidity means people can continue to access funds

Greece's liquidity-starved banks got a new cash injection from the European Central Bank on Wednesday, hours before a key vote in parliament on further economic reforms demanded by international creditors in return for a third bailout.

A European banking official told The Associated Press the ECB decided to increase emergency liquidity to Greek banks by 900 million euros ($980 million US) — the second such cash injection in just under a week.

Fearing a run by depositors flocking to take their savings out of Greek banks, the government imposed capital controls more than three weeks ago, restricting daily withdrawals to 60 euros ($65 US) per account holder. Extra ECB liquidity means that Greek banks will still be able to hand out cash.

Prime Minister Alexis Tsipras' radical left-led government is facing its second crunch test in parliament in a week. Failure to pass the economic measures could undermine his coalition and trigger fresh fears over the country's future in the shared euro currency.

Demonstrators stand in front of a banner reading No to Euro during an anti-austerity rally outside the Greek Parliament in Athens on Wednesday. GIANNIS PAPANIKOS/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

The vote on changes to Greece's judicial and banking sectors is one of the requirements that European creditors have insisted upon in order for negotiations on a third bailout for Greece to begin.

After losing the support of a large chunk of his own party's lawmakers during a vote last week on a creditor-demanded austerity measures, Tsipras has to rely on support from pro-European opposition parties to pass measures.

Negotiations with creditors are expected to start soon after the vote.

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IN BRIEF

BlackBerry buying crisis alert messaging firm

BlackBerry Ltd. has signed a deal to buy California-based software company AtHoc, which develops emergency alert systems for government agencies, military bodies, and other organizations.

BlackBerry said the AtHoc platform will be integrated with its enterprise portfolio. AtHoc helps organizations and people to connect and share information in times of crisis. Its clients include the U.S. departments of defence and homeland security. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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THE QUESTION

I'm from Australia and don't understand your tipping ways up here. In the interests of fitting in, what do I need to know about tipping in Canada?

Dear Ellen,

I'm from Australia and I don't understand your tipping ways up here. Maybe because our minimum wage Down Under is higher than it is here? Anyways, in the interests of fitting in, what do I need to know about tipping in Canada?

— Skippy

Dear Skippy-and-I-know-that's-not-your-real-name,

No doubt you have heard of the World Wide Web, where I have just learned that your native land's minimum wage is an ultra-civilized $17.29 per hour, and where you could just as easily find out that standard tipping practice in North America is 15 to 20 per cent for serving staff, taxi drivers (except Uber, which includes the tip in the price), hairdressers and the like. So you don't need me to tell you the amount you should leave.

However, since you seem to want some advice, and since I love giving it, why don't I lecture you on the custom of tipping and how to approach it with the proper attitude?

The first thing you need to know is that tipping is an arcane, wildly-open-to-abuse, anti-democratic custom. It's supposed to reward people who provide good service and punish people who do not.

But that cold plate of congealed pasta your server just inflicted on you may or may not have been said server's fault: Maybe the drunk bastard cook in the kitchen forgot about it for 20 minutes or the manipulative cow who "manages" the restaurant assigned too many servers to one section, and not enough to your section. Or maybe a selfish, irresponsible server called in sick for like the 10th time this month and your server is now working a double shift, even though she is exhausted and has an exam the next day...

Those few coins will make a difference to the person who relies on tips in a country where the minimum wage is universally disgraceful.

I'm speaking theoretically, of course, and am not referring in any way to the various subpar establishments at which I slaved during my student days.

The point is, workers should be paid properly and not expected to rely on the kindness of strangers.

That being said, and as long as the vile custom of tipping continues, and as long as you yourself are gainfully employed, I encourage you to tip generously.

There is nothing more cringe-making than the spectre of a fully grown, well paid adult sitting at a table in a nice restaurant, or hunched in the back of a cab, madly deducting the tax and working out a 15 per cent tip to the penny while the "servant" meekly awaits a dollop of largesse. Ugh, it's like being caught in a really boring time-warp episode of Downton Abbey. Just round up the amount to the nearest dollar! Or even the nearest multiple of five if you can afford it.

You will never miss the extra toonie or two, but those few coins actually will make a difference to a person who relies on tips in a country where the minimum wage is universally disgraceful (ranging from $10.20 in Saskatchewan to $12.50 in the Northwest Territories).

What's more, studies show that generosity makes you happier and healthier. It's a win-win, Skippy. Welcome to our stingy shores. And please do feel free to send me a cash tip for the excellent service I have just provided.

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ROSEMARY WESTWOOD

metroview

Howard's 'game' is narcissism, misogyny and delusion

Luke Howard, a self-styled pickup artist, stalks women in Ottawa's streets.

He calls himself a "Dr." and hypnotist who helps men with social anxiety talk to women in the daytime, without the aid of booze. He secretly records his attempts to get phone numbers on video.

In the wake of online backlash — via the hashtag #CorneredInOttawa, which women use to share stories about him on Twitter and Tumblr— Howard has taken the videos down and issued a limp mea culpa. He wrote, word for word, "I have started conversations with hundreds of women in public places and if as few felt uncomfortable then you are genuinely and truly sorry."

The media, as it must, has taken his man-hero routine somewhat seriously. And I'll grant that it's not wrong, on face, to help others improve their social skills.

But let's get this straight: Everything about Howard is wrong.

He's lied. He said 99.9 per cent of women like his advances. So far, 24 women have complained about the way he approached them on the street, say #CorneredInOttawa organizers. At least one has filed a police report. Layla, 33, didn't want to give her last name for fear she'd be trolled online.

"Giving a woman a compliment in the street is not harassment," Howard wrote. But Layla said Howard told her she looks like Tracy Chapman (she does not) and that he's "always had a thing for Tracy Chapman, I've always wanted to f—k Tracy Chapman" before he referenced jerking off.

Howard said he doesn't corner women, but Layla told me every time she took a step, he took a step. She felt trapped and afraid to get aggressive.

Howard is ineffective. Some women say they spoke nicely to him, hoping he'd go away. Layla made up a fake boyfriend. Some gave him their phone number so he'd leave them alone, and then never responded to calls or text messages.

He's making it harder for others to have non-creepy encounters. "He's the exact reason why women don't like being approached in the daytime, and might miss out on actually normal dudes," Layla told me. "My guard goes up just from a guy asking an innocuous question."

Finally, Howard said he's "always been about love and connection and bringing people closer together." But we all know picking up is just about sex, a highly unlikely outcome of his methods.

So, guys, do not take notes. Howard's "daygame" has no game, just narcissism, misogyny and delusion.

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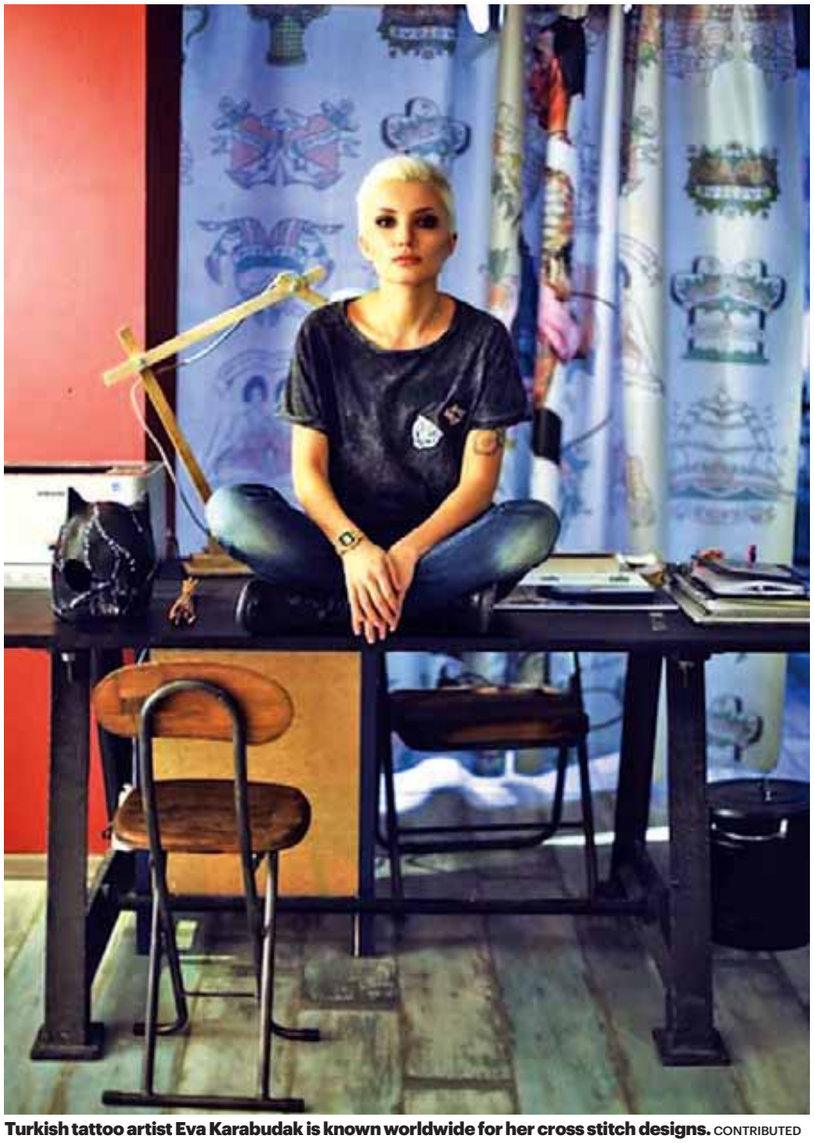

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EMBROIDERY ON SKIN

Even grandma would approve of these tats

Emily Laurence
Metro in New York

Maybe it's because of Etsy. Maybe it's because of those NSFW cross stitch pillows taking over Pinterest. Whatever the reason, cross stitch tattoos are having a moment.

Eva Karabudak is a Turkish tattoo artist who has become world famous for mastering the trend. "I used to do cross stitch on canvas and cloth at home and decided to do tattoos out of it," she tells us, adding that she first tried it out on friends and then got hooked on it.

"It's an anchor back to a lot of people's childhoods. That's why I believe it gets noticed," she says. But before you decide to get one, Karabudak says you have to do your research. "Not all images or ideas can be applied to a cross stitch design. It all starts with a thought, and that should be carefully studied before going into design."

Nicole May, 38, is a tattoo artist at Tiki Town Tattoos in Calgary and says she definitely has seen cross stitch tattoos becoming increasingly popular. "I see a lot of subversive cross stitch on Etsy and I feel like it is something a lot of young people are picking up as a hobby. Cross stitch tattoos have become popular along with the general trend of cross stitch," she says.

If you want to get a cross stitch tattoo, her biggest tip is to find an artist who actually cross stitches as a hobby. "They'll have a better understanding of design layout and execution," May says.

3 CROSS STITCH INKED WEARERS

"I own a cross stitch business called Hatch605. I manage a modern makers gift store, so I am around makers all day. When people see my tattoo, I typically get reactions from older generations because it evokes a nostalgic feeling. To me, it's a way to help keep traditional art alive."
Name: Ashley Rieck
Age: 31
Occupation: Manager of Unglued in South Dakota

"A fellow tattoo artist and I wanted to figure out how to do a cross stitch tattoo. We are both very crafty with crocheting and cross stitching, so it just made sense. It's challenging to tattoo and we wanted to experiment, so I let her try it out on me!"
Name: Crystal Balser
Age: 35
Occupation: Owner of MOD Tattoo in Ottawa, a completely vegan studio

"I love to cross stitch. I have a small home business where I custom cross stitch family portraits. On all the portraits I include a red heart that floats over the family. It's my signature. People find my tattoo very unique. The most reoccurring compliment I get is how much it suits me."
Name: Brittany Wiebe
Age: 28
Occupation: Homemaker/ cross stitcher

GROOMING TRENDS

Hair: Grow it, flow it, flaxen, waxin'

While Ginnifer Goodwin and Kelly Ripa both recently unveiled boldly dyed locks, other women are broadening the boundaries with colourfully tinted hair above and below the belt.

Once Upon A Time star Goodwin showcased her grey pixie cut at Comic-Con International in San Diego, while talk show host Ripa revealed her bright blue bob on Instagram.

But there are a rainbow's worth of options for those seeking a less visible hair colour experiment.

Wax Hair Removal Bar offers bikini tints in hues like pink, green, red and orange. Keeping in step with the "something borrowed" bridal tradition, blue is a popular option during wedding season, noted founder Luba Sasowski. Sasowski said tinting is favoured by older clients not opting for full Brazilian waxes who are seeking grey coverage.

The company also offers a pair of sparkling post-wax options: the application of Swarovski crystals down below.

Some women are ditching their razors and eschewing waxing to let their body hair flow freely. Pop star Miley Cyrus has proudly flaunted her coloured armpits on social media. Girls star Jemima Kirke has also made headlines for flashing hairy underarms on the red carpet.

New York-based beauty historian Rachel Weingarten said for nearly every generation of women, beauty trends have evolved in part as a form of rebellion — and coloured body hair is no different.

"What seems so outrageous to us ... 'Oh my gosh, she has aqua underarm hair,' you have to understand that in the '70s someone having long hair and no make-up was as shocking and rebellious. It's our historical perspective that makes things just as interesting as they are," said Weingarten.
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Ginnifer Goodwin rocks icy coloured hair look.
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FREE YOUR PITS MOVEMENT

Changing beauty standards
As leader of the Free Your Pits movement, Roxie Hunt has become a vocal advocate for women to be empowered in their grooming choices, and to not feel pressured to adhere to particular beauty standards — regardless of whether or not they shave.

Having become tired of shaving — a process she admits she never liked — Hunt said she decided five years ago to grow out her underarm hair after having kids.

Hunt has not only embraced her growth, but has coloured her own pits pink. The hair colourist does the same for the underarms of clients at Seattle-based salon Vain, which charges $65 US for the service.

"For me, freedom is about grabbing onto those things and expressing them and having fun with them and not worrying about judgment from others," said Hunt, DIY hair and style blogger at How-to Hair Girl.
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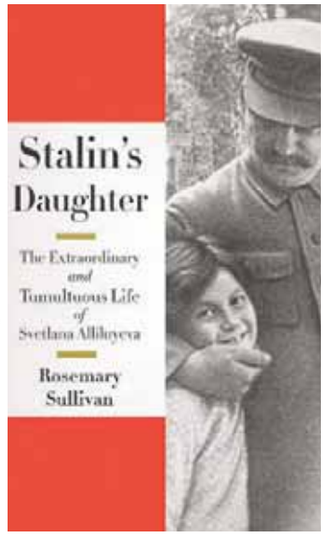
5 BIOGRAPHIES & MEMOIRS TO READ THIS SUMMER

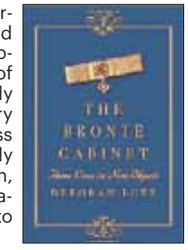
This fall promises to be rich in memoirs and biographies, with titles forthcoming from musicians Elvis Costello, Carrie Brownstein and Patti Smith, actress Drew Barrymore and Canadian sports figures Clara Hughes and Colleen Jones. But if waiting for the leaves to turn doesn't appeal, here are five new books out this summer to tide you over. SUE CARTER/METRO

History



When it comes to research, no one can accuse Toronto author **Rosemary Sullivan** of being a slacker. The Governor General's Literary Award winner travelled around the world, interviewing personal contacts and studying government documents to create her in-depth portrait of Svetlana Alliluyeva (known later as Lana Peters), the only daughter of Russian dictator Joseph Stalin. In **Stalin's Daughter: The Extraordinary and Tumultuous Life of Svetlana Alliluyeva**, we learn that Alliluyeva's complex relationship with her father was just one of the driving forces behind a volatile life filled with political upheaval and troubled relationships.

Literature



The Brontë sisters have inspired numerous biographies, but American writer and historian **Deborah Lutz** takes a unique approach by selecting nine artifacts out of hundreds left behind by Charlotte, Emily and Anne, including mourning jewelry containing snippets of hair and a brass dog collar. Given that Lutz has previously dedicated books to Victorian eroticism, gothic villains and relics of death in literature, **The Brontë Cabinet** is guaranteed to be a fascinating read.

Sports

New Yorker enthusiasts will appreciate **William Finnegan's** perspective on riding the waves. A 30-year contributor to the magazine, Finnegan has been surfing for even longer, since arriving in California from Hawaii at the age of 13 during the 1960s heyday of LSD-glazed beach-bum culture. Part international travelogue, part personal investigation into the nature of obsession, **Barbarian Days: A Surfing Life** will appeal even to those who prefer keeping their feet on dry land.

Music

Is there anything more to say about Bob Dylan that hasn't been written in Rolling Stone? Guitarist and music historian **Elijah Wald** believes there is, having recently authored **Dylan Goes Electric!: Newport, Seeger, Dylan and the Night that Split the Sixties.** For his biography of the gravel-voiced troubadour, Wald focuses on the moment at the 1965 Newport Folk Festival when Dylan transformed from a political acoustic-folk hero into a bona fide rock star backed by an electric band.

Fashion

Diane von Furstenberg's name is synonymous with her signature wrap dress, but as Gioia Diliberto describes in the new biography, **Diane von Furstenberg: A Life Unwrapped,** the jet-setting former princess is also a feminist icon and savvy entrepreneur who's weathered more than 40 years in a tough business (and a terrible reality show). Bonus: salacious details about von Furstenberg's affairs with Warren Beatty and Richard Gere.

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Big-game tale gets reissued

GREEN HILLS OF AFRICA

Hemingway's family urges fresh look at primal thriller

Eighty years after the release of Green Hills of Africa, the son and grandson of Ernest Hemingway are urging a fresh look at a work critics have often set aside.

Published in 1935, Green Hills of Africa was Hemingway's account of a hunting safari on the Serengeti Plains, a chronicle of adventure and a literary challenge Hemingway set up for himself. Anticipating by decades Truman Capote's "non-fiction novel," the classic In Cold Blood, Hemingway wanted to prove that "an absolutely true book" can "compete with a work of the imagination."

The new edition is part of a series authorized by the Hemingway estate that already includes reissues of A Moveable Feast, The Sun Also Rises and A Farewell to Arms. Grandson Sean Hemingway contributes an introduction, while son Patrick Hemingway, a boy at the time his parents were in Africa, shares personal memories. The book also includes photographs, early drafts of the finished narrative and a diary kept by the author's then wife, Pauline Pfeiffer.

Author Ernest Hemingway and his wife Pauline Pfeiffer arrive in New York aboard an ocean liner in 1934, following a three-month vacation in eastern Africa hunting lions. AP/FILE PHOTO

"She's not a person who's well known, so it's wonderful to have a sustained piece of writing by her," Sean Hemingway said recently of his grandmother, the second of Ernest Hemingway's four wives. "It's also a wonderful complement to my grandfather's work."

As Pfeiffer's diaries reveal, Green Hills of Africa was not entirely factual. The author rearranged some chronology and minimized a bout of dysentery so severe that he had to be flown out of the area. Pfeiffer's journal also describes a near-tragedy — the author's rifle fell off a car and fired — that inspired Hemingway's classic short story The Short Happy Life of Francis Macomber, in which the title character is killed by a sudden blast from his wife's gun.

More recently, Green Hills of Africa has been criticized for its detailed catalogue of animal slaughter and for its reduction of Africa and Africans to backdrops for the author's personal experiences. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

ROMANCE

Jonas deflects dating rumours

IN HOLLYWOOD

Ned Ehrbar

Nick Jonas is getting pretty good at deflecting dating rumours — but then given his romantic history, that's not surprising.

The latest speculation hounding the former Disney star? That he's spending time with Selena Gomez. When pressed on the subject during an interview with London's Capital FM, Jonas sets the record straight: "We kind of ran into each other a couple of weeks ago, like walking in Venice," he says. "We were both with separate groups of friends and we ran into each other."

Seems innocent enough. Anything else, Nick? "I put a dinner together with a bunch of really great people, like the Haim girls, who I love. They're awesome. They're the best," Jonas says.

"It was a big group of people and we all had a great time. We connect in that sense. It was nice to connect and just catch up. I'll leave it there." Oh my God, guys. Nick Jonas is dating all of his friends at once!

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Theron denies she's set to star in Fifty Shades sequel, Fifty Shades Darker. ALL PHOTOS GETTY IMAGES

Theron's red carpet domination

MOVIES

Rumours have Theron cracking the whip in a Fifty Shades sequel

So apparently there's been a pretty persistent rumour that Oscar-winner Charlize Theron is going to star in the Fifty Shades of Grey sequel, Fifty Shades Darker, as Christian Grey's former lover who first schooled him in the kinky arts.

Ridiculous? Well, Theron herself certainly seems to think so. "I hadn't heard that one. Wow, I'm just learning so much about myself on this carpet tonight," she told E! News at the Dark Places premiere this week.

Even if she were involved, she'd apparently be more interested in replacing Jamie Dornan, anyway. "I'm going to play the kinky guy with the room," she joked. "I need to stretch. I need to find something outside the box."

OK, fine, but speaking of sequels, how about a Mad Max: Fury Road followup?

"Nobody has come to tell me anything. I haven't been in town, so I don't know what's going on. There's a lot of talk about it. I don't know if it's real," she said. "Look, I would be honoured to be asked back, but I have no idea what's going to happen."

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ROMANCE

Swank's love game

There's some joke in here about always fraternizing with the help. Oscar-winner Hilary Swank — who previously dated her talent agent — has reportedly now taken up with her "hunky" tennis coach, Ruben Torres.

"When he first asked her out, she was lukewarm, but after a couple of dates things just got hotter and hotter," a source tells Life & Style. "It's really hard for them to keep it a secret."

Not that they haven't been trying, mind you, as the source says that over the course of their three months together they've been "staying away from PDA and only holding hands under the table."

Well, so much for that.

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LOVE AND SEXISM IN HOLLYWOOD

Thompson's sexism update

She may be an Oscar-winning screenwriter, but actress Emma Thompson is keeping her language simple — and salty — when it comes to Hollywood sexism.

"I am not impressed at all. I think it's still completely s—, actually," she tells the Radio Times. "When I was younger, I really did think we were on our way to a better world, and when I look at it now, it is in a worse state than I have known it — particularly for women — and I find that very disturbing and sad. I don't think there's any appreciable improvement and I think that, for women, the question of how they are supposed to look is worse than it was even when I was young." NED EHRBAR/FOR METRO

Shelton and Lambert make divorce Twitter-official

In these plugged-in modern times, how do you really know a celebrity couple's marriage is over? It's not the joint statement announcing a divorce.

No, it's how they interact with each other on social media. And if that's any indication, then Blake Shelton and Miranda Lambert are really, truly over. Lambert swapped out a red carpet photo of the pair on her Twitter profile in favour of one promoting her current tour, while Shelton replaced his background image — Lambert's Marie Clare cover — with one of him performing. There's no turning back now.

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Miranda Lambert and Blake Shelton are really, truly done.

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What they're a$king

New condos that aren't in pre-construction and are ready to move in are perfect for buyers who don't want to purchase from plans and wait three years for completion. Metro looks at two-bedroom suites in newer condominium buildings in central locations.

Duncan McAllister FOR METRO

OUR CITY

$745,000

Ottawa

This bright, spacious suite at the Claridge Plaza condos is located at 200 Rideau St., near the Byward Market in the heart of downtown. The unit has a 750-sq.-ft., professionally landscaped terrace complete with gazebo and computerized watering system. Listing agent David Bournes says it's like a garden in the sky. The suite has plenty of windows and a spacious master retreat with private ensuite and balcony. Bournes is a sales representative with Royal LePage Team Realty, 613-725-1171.

$224,900

Winnipeg

For sale is a three-year-old condo at a great price in the Crestview neighbourhood. The unit features in-suite laundry and a luxury kitchen with all the appliances included. There's also a low-maintenance yard and private balcony. Included are all blinds, washer, dryer, dishwasher, refrigerator, stove, and a parking pad. The building is located close to shopping, restaurants and bus service. Listing agent Chris Kenny is a sales representative with Re/Max Professionals, 204-318-6794.

$649,900

Toronto

This spacious suite in the Bohemian Embassy condos boasts 1,165 sq. ft. of space and a 100-sq.-ft. terrace with southern exposure. With transit at the doorstep, the building offers a roster of amenities including visitor parking, concierge service, a gym, media room, two party rooms, a rooftop barbecue area, arts and crafts room, bicycle storage and steam rooms. Appliances, parking and locker are all included. Listing agent Alex J. Wilson is with Re/Max Condos Plus, 416-996-5181.

$628,800

Calgary

This northwest corner suite is located in the Arriva Towers in the historic Victoria Park community. The unit features an open floor plan with city skyline views, two balconies, two bathrooms, two parking stalls and a separate storage locker. The spacious kitchen has stainless Miele appliances and an open living and dining room. The building is close to shopping, restaurants and the river path system. Kelly P. Burke is a sales representative for Re/Max House of Real Estate, 403-287-3880.

$259,900

Halifax

This suite is for sale at The Tides of Bedford condominiums. While not right in Halifax, this two-bedroom, two-bathroom condo resides in the heart of Bedford. It has a bright, spacious floor plan with southern exposure and views of the Bedford Basin. The building offers underground parking, a fitness centre, sauna, outdoor pool, guest suite, library and a common room. Condo fees include heat, hot water, parking and storage. Listing agent is Ernie Buote with Domus Realty, 902-499-3041.

$539,000

Vancouver

This 715-sq.-ft. suite is ready to move in at The Mark condominiums, conveniently located near the Seawall and Yaletown's popular shopping, dining and entertainment options. The unit includes in-suite laundry and one parking space. The building is newly completed, featuring an open-concept living and dining area, engineered oak hardwood floors, granite countertops, stainless steel appliances and concierge service. Listing agent is Jimmy H. Cheung with Sutton Group West Coast Realty, 604-612-9230.

$379,900

Edmonton

Here's a nice looking building by a reputable builder, in the Alta Vista condominiums. The foyer has a cozy sitting area with box ceiling features and stone and tile accents. The unit is finished with hardwood, tile and granite countertops. The U-shaped kitchen has stainless appliances, tiled back splash, and an extended breakfast bar. One bedroom has direct access to a patio, the other with a four-piece ensuite. Ryan P. Dutka is a sales representative with Re/Max River City. 780-988-0001.

Take a cue from the Golden Girls

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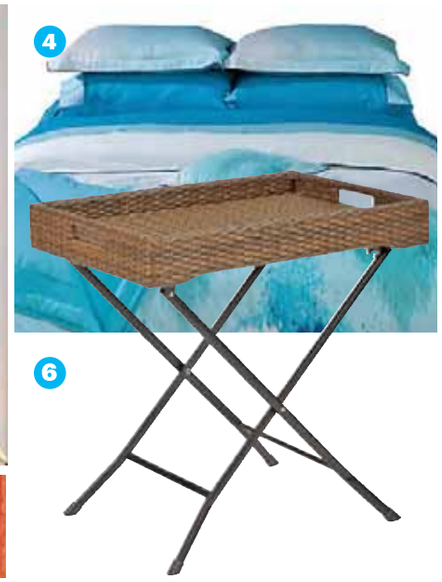
Within two months summer will be gone. Alberta may see snow flurries in the air, Nova Scotia will say goodbye to the sun and the rest of us will be dry cleaning our winter jackets in preparation for the long winter ahead. Why not make the inside of your home a celebration of summer that lasts all year long? Perhaps a guest or bath room could hold the theme of summer (without affecting the rest of your decor); or you choose to decorate like the Golden Girls and explode the tropics everywhere — a great decorating scheme to grow into retirement!



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Skyrocketing to the top

PAN AM 2015

Canadians win in water-skiing, wakeboarding, road cycling

Canada won two more gold medals in Wednesday's early competition at the Pan American Games.

Whitney McClintock won the women's water-skiing competition, Rusty Malinoski was victorious in men's wakeboarding, and Hugo Houle finished first in the men's road cycling individual time trial to give the host nation 62 gold medals heading into evening competition on Day 12.

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The United States led with 70 gold medals.

McClintock finished ahead of American Regina Jaquess and Mexico's Carolina Chapoy in the women's water ski.

The native of Cambridge, Ont., took the lead after earning 8,370 points in the tricks event following a disappointing slalom run.

"It's a complete shocker to me, actually," McClintock said. "Today is not the way I planned it to go. Not even a little bit. It seems like on any other given day that would have not won you a gold medal.

"It's one of those hard things to celebrate, but a gold medal is a gold medal."

Jarret Llewellyn of Innisfail, Alta., added a silver in the men's overall.

With a score of 89.11, Malinoski finished ahead of American Daniel Powers and Venezuela's Juan Mendez.

The native of Humboldt, Sask., was a favourite to win the wakeboarding competition and did not disappoint. He appeared relaxed on the water, pumping his fist and egging on the crowd to cheer louder in his final pass.

"I was favourite to win and I didn't want to let anyone down," he said. "I acted like I had it in the bag, but I was definitely nervous and I didn't want to screw up."

Houle, of Ste-Perpetue, Que., finished the 37-kilometre time trial in 45 minutes, 13.4 seconds.

"You never know until you start how you're going to feel but today on the first lap, I had to control myself to not go too hard because my body wanted to go," said Houle.

"Today I had the best ride of my life for sure."

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Mexico's Ignatio Prada was second, 1:17.87 back of Houle, while Sean MacKinnon of Hamilton, Ont., took bronze.

Vancouver's Jasmin Glaesser won silver in the 19.5-kilometre women's individual time trial in 27:01.31.

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Canada's Rusty Malinoski catapulted to victory in men's wakeboarding at the Pan Am Games in Toronto on Wednesday. NATHAN DENETTE/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Toronto mayor won't rule out bid for Olympics

The mayor of Toronto says the city now has sports facilities to host international competitions that could previously only be held in Vancouver, leaving the door open for a possible future Olympic bid.

The city is currently hosting the Pan Am Games, which wrap up Sunday, and Mayor John Tory said Wednesday that the event has put Toronto on the global map for athletic events.

"There's a whole variety of international events and sporting competitions that we're now in a position to host, which I think is good for Toronto, good for Ontario and good for Canada, and the Olympics is one of those, obviously, about which there's a great discussion," Tory said.

John Tory TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

The mayor said he won't discuss a potential bid for the Olympic Games until after the Pan Am and Parapan Am Games are over. The Parapan Am Games end in mid-August.

Afterward, he said, officials will "sit down and talk about these things together as we will and decide what's best in terms of what we go forward with, whether it's an Olympic bid or a host of other things one could go forward with."

"I guess everything's on the table until you take it off the table," he said.

Cities looking to host the 2024 Summer Olympics have until Sept. 15 to submit a letter of application to the International Olympic Committee. Those deemed viable applicants then have until early 2016 to turn in their bid concept.

The committee will evaluate those concepts and choose a number of official candidate cities, which will be examined by a commission of experts before the winning city is be chosen in the summer of 2017.

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TRY AGAIN

Toronto has made several failed bids for the Olympic Games, most recently when it lost to Beijing for the 2008 Summer Games.

There is a precedent for a city hosting the Pan Am and the Olympic Games in close succession. Rio de Janeiro hosted the Pan Ams in 2007 and will Summer Olympics next year.

Gold worth glory, but no more

After the glory fades and the flashing cameras are packed away, once the stadiums are stripped of decor and the masses turn their thoughts from summer athletics, what's a Pan Am Games gold medal worth?

The answer, it seems, is not very much — beyond the glow of victory and hard-fought accomplishment, of course.

"Bottom line is you're never going to get rich," said Richard Powers, a senior lecturer at the University of Toronto's Rotman School of Management and president of Commonwealth Games Canada.

"Is the Pan Am Games a road to gold? Probably not, unless it's part of the path to an Olympic medal ... I'm not aware of any Pan Am-only athlete obtaining a significant sponsorship opportunity."

$80

The gold from a single medal would net about $80 US when melted on a good day.

In other words, Wheaties isn't going to toss the top trampolinist on its cereal box anytime soon. And that global deal with a top purveyor of sugary drinks? Forget about it.

The Pan Am Games simply doesn't provide the type of exposure and worldwide appeal the sponsors with the big bucks are willing to throw cash at, explained Brian Cooper, president of S&E Sponsorship in Toronto.

"It's great to have as an athlete and to build your resumé going for your Olympic gold," Cooper said. "But to be honest with you, the Pan Am gold doesn't really carry a lot ... When the win is one that is sort of limited and not global, in a niche sport against a smaller field, there's less value."

"There's not enough there that a company would take, or invest a significant amount, or think that their product would benefit that greatly from a Pan Am gold."

TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Bouchard still confident in bounce-back ability

TENNIS

Sputtering star looking to turn season around in T.O.

Eugenie Bouchard was all smiles on the Toronto waterfront Wednesday, taking part in a clinic with young kids, hamming it up with fellow Canadian tennis star Milos Raonic, and engaging with fans and spectators alike.

There were no signs that her unexpected season-long slump has got her down.

Bouchard was the talk of the tennis world in 2014 after reaching the semifinals at the first three Grand Slam events, including a trip to the Wimbledon final. She won her first WTA title at the Nuremberg Cup last year and finished the season ranked seventh in the world.

Everything seemed to be lining up nicely for the 21-year-old from Westmount, Que. In addition to her on-court success, she signed with sports management powerhouse WME-IMG to help maximize the value of her brand and expand her presence in the fashion industry.

Bouchard appeared primed to take things to the next level on and off the court. Instead, her 2015 season has simply been a disaster.

It's hard to pinpoint the reason why she has managed only a handful of victories this year.

Eugenie Bouchard mingles with local kids during an exhibition match atop a barge docked on Lake Ontario just off Toronto.
AARON VINCENT ELKAIM/THE CANADIAN PRESS

She may still be adjusting to new coach Sam Sumyk. Expectations have been much higher and Bouchard has battled an abdominal injury in recent weeks.

She said Wednesday that she's feeling better, is back training and is not paying attention to the critics.

> **It's definitely been tough but I'm sure she has all the answers.**
> Milos Raonic

"It's been interesting for me to see how when I started doing well, how everyone jumped on the bandwagon or whatever — building me up so much," Bouchard said. "And then to see how they would break you down so much as well, so it's just how the media is, to always have a story and things like that. I just separate myself from that. "I know what I do and I know what I believe in. It's hard not to hear it or see it, but (I try) to just kind of give it some distance and not really worry about it."

Bouchard's season began with a quarter-final loss to Russian star Maria Sharapova at the Australian Open. It has been a steady decline since.

She lost in the round of 16 at her next two tournaments, fell to a No. 113-ranked qualifier in Miami and lost to a 66th-ranked opponent in her first match at her next tournament. That was followed by a pair of Fed Cup losses and opening-match defeats in five of her next seven events.

Bouchard recently slipped 14 positions to No. 26 in the world rankings.

"I'm definitely hard on myself so if I do have a bad loss, I'm like 'Well, I completely deserve this.' You know what I mean?," she said. "But there definitely are some harsher critics than others and so-called haters and things like that. But I think it's all part of the job so you know, bring it on."

She'll try to turn things around at the Aug. 8-16 Rogers Cup at the Aviva Centre in north Toronto. The men's tournament will be held Aug. 7-16 at Montreal's Uniprix Stadium.

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TOUR DE FRANCE

Alpines shake things up

The speedometer clocked between 50 and 60 kilometres per hour as the pine trees whipped by, and the riders leaned left to right and back again to negotiate the snaking, bumpy descent.

Winning the Tour de France isn't only about having the ability to get uphill fast. You've got to have nerves of steel going downhill, too.

Chris Froome proved Wednesday that he's got both.

The 30-year-old Briton retained the leader's yellow jersey as the Tour sped toward its crescendo in the Alps.

The 17th stage included a harrowing 16-kilometre descent that dealt perhaps the final blow to Alberto Contador's distant hope of a third Tour victory and doused the ambitions of promising French rider Thibaut Pinot for a stage win. They both lost time after hitting the asphalt on the way down from the treacherous Allos Pass.

Germany's Simon Geschke won the stage by surging out of a breakaway bunch and keeping at bay Andrew Talansky of the U.S., who was second, by 32 seconds at the end of the 161-kilometre ride from Digne-Les-Bains to Pra Loup ski resort.

Fellow American Tejay van Garderen, who was third overall as the stage began, pulled out of the race with a headache and a lack of energy after fighting a respiratory infection for several days.

"It almost feels like I just want to disappear right now," said a despondent Van Garderen. "It was hard to look my teammates in the eyes (and) it was hard to call my wife and explain to her what was going on." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

American Tejay van Garderen pulled out of the Tour de France with a respiratory infection. GETTY IMAGES

NBA

New Lakers excited despite quiet Kobe

Roy Hibbert, Lou Williams and Brandon Bass all say they joined the Los Angeles Lakers for a fresh start.

They're also looking forward to playing with Kobe Bryant after they get a chance to talk to him.

Hibbert is eager to revitalize his career in Los Angeles after seven seasons with the Indiana Pacers. The seven-foot-two former all-star is determined to return to dominant defensive form after a perceived down season.

Lou Williams
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Williams believes there will be plenty of shots to go around when he plays with Bryant and Nick Young. The Sixth Man of the Year is willing to play any role to help the Lakers, who are coming off the worst season in franchise history.

None of the newcomers has spoken with Bryant yet.

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NBA IN BRIEF

Division title might not guarantee playoffs: Silver

An NBA division title might soon mean a banner but no assurance of a playoff spot.

Commissioner Adam Silver said Wednesday the league is leaning toward not guaranteeing a post-season berth to a team that wins its division.

Silver had already said he expected a change from the current format that guarantees division winners no worse than the No. 4 seed.

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MLB

Depth guys help hurting Nationals

The banged-up Washington Nationals have been relying on their bench players to help keep them atop the NL East.

Danny Espinosa and Michael Taylor were the latest fill-ins to come through.

Taylor had a tying two-out, two-run single in the eighth inning, Espinosa followed with an RBI double and the Nationals rallied from three runs down to beat the New York Mets 4-3 on Wednesday.

"We trust everybody that's on this team," Espinosa said. "There wasn't any panic there. (We) root for the next guy and keep on grinding."

Already minus four everyday players and right-hander Stephen Strasburg, Washington lost third baseman Yunel Escobar to an apparent left hand or wrist injury during his at-bat in the second inning. X-rays were negative, but Escobar will have further tests.

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Graham DeLaet, from Weyburn, Sask., finished 68th at last weekend's British Open. GETTY IMAGES

'You can attack this golf course'

RBC CANADIAN OPEN

New course, weather a stark contrast to British Open

Golfers at the Canadian Open should put away their umbrellas and grab their sunscreen.

After rain and wind delayed the British Open and forced the first Monday finish since 1988, weather is setting up almost perfectly for Canada's national open at Glen Abbey Golf Club.

Now that the wet, wild and windy time in Scotland is over, the near-30 golfers turning around to play the RBC Canadian Open are looking forward to some dry weather and a course that provides a stark contrast to St. Andrews.

"You're expecting hard, tough conditions at the British Open, at The Open Championship, but not unplayable weather and conditions," said Jason Day, who tied for fourth at the British. "You can attack this golf course a lot more."

Golf Canada CEO Scott Simmons knocked on the wood table in front of him even discussing the weather. But the forecast is for mostly a clean four rounds of play.

That's a world of difference from the wind-beaten, rain-soaked British Open that was forced to finish Monday. The Canadian Open, back at Glen Abbey for the 27th time, is a more predictable style of game.

"You can get a lot more unlucky over there," said Canadian Graham DeLaet, who finished tied for 68th at the British.

"Usually when you hit the ball on the fairway, it stays on the fairway here. When you hit a ball and land the ball on the green, you know about how far it's going to go before it (stops)."

The charm of links golf in Scotland and the challenge that presents in one of golf's four majors is valuable.

But the Canadian Open should be a more enjoyable experience for players and those watching in person and on television.

One element of that is the weather, where temperatures are forecasted to hover just below 30 degrees and three of four days shouldn't have rain. There's a 30 per cent chance of rain Saturday afternoon.

"It's pretty exciting to think of a Canadian Open with no rain, isn't it?" Canadian David Hearn said.

Day, world No. 3 Bubba Watson, No. 7 Jim Furyk, DeLaet and Hearn are among the players who barely dried out before getting on the charter flight back to Toronto for the Canadian Open. The Monday finish gave them a late start to their preparations.

The 524-yard par-5 18th will give players plenty of eagle opportunities and the fan excitement that comes with it. But players still consider the Canadian Open demanding.

Hearn, a native of Brantford, Ont., doesn't want this to be easy and doesn't mind if Glen Abbey has "a little bit of teeth" this time around.

Defending champion Tim Clark is back, one of eight previous winners: Furyk, Scott Piercy, Sean O'Hair, Nathan Green, Chez Reavie, Vijah Singh and John Rollins.

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Graham DeLaet and Brantford, Ont.'s David Hearn, pictured, headline the group of 16 Canadians in the field. No Canadian has won this tournament since Pat Fletcher in 1954.

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Serves: 12

Ingredients
- 7 ripe peaches (skin on), cut into 1/2 slices
- 1/3 cup granulated sugar
- 1/3 cup brown sugar
- 1⁄3 cup dried cranberries
- 2 Tbsp cornstarch
- 1 1/2 tsp cinnamon, divided
- 2 Tbsp lemon juice
- 3/4 cup all-purpose flour
- 2/3 cup brown sugar
- 3/4 cup large rolled oats
- 1/3 cup chopped toasted almonds
- 1/3 cup vegetable oil
- 2 Tbsp water

Directions
1. Preheat the oven to 375 F. Lightly coat a 10-inch oven-proof skillet with cooking spray.
2. In a bowl, stir together peaches, granulated sugar, 1/3 cup brown sugar, dried cranberries, cornstarch, 1 tsp cinnamon and lemon juice. Place in the skillet.
3. In another bowl, stir together the flour, 2/3 cup brown sugar, oats, almonds, oil, water and remaining cinnamon and mix until the mixture is crumbly. Sprinkle over the peaches.
4. Place the pan in the centre of the oven and bake for 25 to 30 minutes until the crisp is golden and peaches are just tender.

Nutrition per serving
- Calories 246
- Carbohydrates 42.5 g
- Fibre 2.6 g
- Total fat 8.2 g

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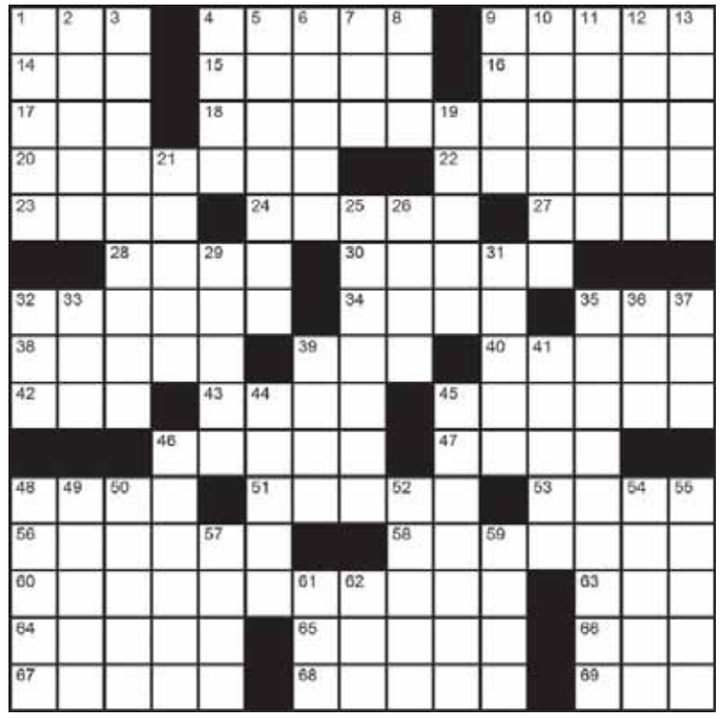
CROSSWORD Canada Across and Down

BY KELLY ANN BUCHANAN



ACROSS
1. Owns
4. Ms. Fisher, and others
9. Capital of Ghana
14. Noah's boat
15. Ruffle, as an '80s hairstyle
16. Rock drill
17. 1982's version for Rocky
18. July 23rd to July 26th, 2015: Nanaimo Marine Festival and World Championship __ __ (Splish! Splash!)
20. Engine-of-a-car part: 2 wds.
22. Human
23. 'A' in AD
24. "__ __ Love": 1959 hit for Phil Phillips with The Twilights
27. Fails to be
28. Cartoon bear
30. Investigate
32. New
34. Catherine __ (Henry VIII's sixth/last wife)
35. Mr. McLean's of the Backstreet Boys
38. Egypt's capital
39. __ Antonio, Texas
40. Arctic abode
42. Web connector, briefly
43. Banned orchard spray
45. Condescends
46. Entrap
47. Consequently
48. Drift through the air
51. Rice dish
53. Ms. Jasper, Aboriginal singer/songwriter from Chilliwack, British Columbia
56. Shoelace tips
58. Ornamental music/architecture style
60. Hotel guest's request: 2 wds.
63. 'Press' suffix
64. Movie category
65. Helped
66. Lithium-__ battery
67. Ancient companion for Dionysus
68. Shortages
69. US intelligence org.

DOWN
1. Seaport of Israel
2. 'Parliament' suffix
3. Swim sans swimsuit
4. "Let __ __" by The Beatles
5. Contains the food container's freshness: 2 wds.
6. Coffee order
7. Volcanic residue
8. Arrange
9. Superior at a French monastery
10. British 'Street' soap opera, to fans
11. Unrefined
12. Military mission, e.g.
13. "__ you the clever one!"
19. __ __ the challenge (Ready to take things on)
21. Unimpressed audience member, perhaps
25. Clothing
26. Port city of Algeria
29. 'Punny' joke reaction
31. Nova Scotia island in the area of the Gulf of Maine and Bay of Fundy
32. Nero's 1101
33. '_' __ in Ottawa
35. Provincial park in Ontario since 1893
36. Comedian Mr. Stewart
37. Help!
39. Draped dress
41. Topo __, puppet on "The Ed Sullivan Show"
44. Expire
45. Vandalized, in a way
46. Like the 'handle' of a bouquet
48. Hospital sections
49. Ancient marketplace
50. Parade route display
52. __ by the rules
54. Overseas moneys
55. Suffering wife in Edith Wharton's 1911 novel Ethan Frome
57. Bygone sovereign
59. Some Smarties
61. Sprinted
62. Try

IT'S ALL IN THE STARS by Sally Brompton

Aries March 21 - April 20
The sun enters the sympathetic sign of Leo today, marking the start of one of the busiest and most enjoyable times of the year. Make every minute count.

Taurus April 21 - May 21
You feel out of touch with what is going on around you. Others seem to be enthralled by events that mean nothing to you. Go your own way and do your own thing — you will be better off for it.

Gemini May 22 - June 21
You will find it difficult to keep your nose out of other people's business today. The sun's change of signs brings to the fore the inquisitive side of your nature.

Cancer June 22 - July 23
Money matters will be of even more importance than usual for the next few weeks. The planets indicate there is a lot at stake financially, so do whatever it takes to maximize profits and minimize your losses.

Leo July 24 - Aug. 23
The sun and Mercury move into your birth sign today, making this the ideal time to begin something new. You have done lots of thinking and soul searching in recent weeks. Now you can apply what you have learnt about yourself.

Virgo Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
You have got to stop taking each and every thing that happens personally. The world is for you, not against you.

Libra Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
Some people have been rather critical of you in recent weeks but over the next few days you will be able to show that you were right and they were wrong.

Scorpio Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
You may say that you don't care for status and recognition but with the sun and Mercury moving into the career area of your chart today it will be thrust upon you. You make a better leader than most.

Sagittarius Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
Something that meant nothing to you in the past now means everything to you. Some may think you have taken leave of your senses but most likely you've found them at last.

Capricorn Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
Today you will find yourself thinking more deeply about who you are and what you should be doing with your life. The answers you reach may surprise you.

Aquarius Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
If you want to succeed, you must co-operate. Stop looking for ways to one up your rivals. Look for ways you can help each other instead. There is safety in numbers, and profit too.

Pisces
Feb. 20 - March 20
At least one of your habits needs to be looked at and, if negative, transformed into something more positive. At work, try to unchain yourself from the same old routines.

CONCEPTIS SUDOKU by Dave Green

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